



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2, 2009  
REGULAR MEETING  
City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064**

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**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Sally Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Council Present:** Sally Harrison, Randy Parrow, Kevin Hudson, Brett Costley, and Cindy Ball

**Staff Present:** Bob Young, City Administrator; Frank Grace, Chief of Police; Bob Ruhl, Public Works Director; Jeff Bennett, City Attorney and Joann Glass, Admin & Financial Services Manager/City Recorder

**Press:** Rebecca McGaugh, The Independent, LLC; Scott Laird, Vernonia's Voice

**Mayor Harrison Recessed the Regular Meeting to Executive Session as per ORS 192.660 (2) (i) at 7:05 pm**

**Return to Open Session for Final Action and to return to the Regular Council Meeting.**

**2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda**

Randy Parrow moved to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Promotion:** Pinning Ceremony – Mike Conner

Bob Young, City Administrator pinned the badge of Sergeant on Mike Conner with Chief Grace and Sergeant Mike Kay giving Sergeant Conner his strips.

Bob Young explained to the Council that Sergeant Mike Kay's promotion had been postponed because of accusations that had been brought against him. Mr. Young further explained that the City Attorney has looked at all the accusations that has been brought against him and that Sergeant Kay has been exonerated of all accusations and has not been deceitful in any way.

Mayor Sally Harrison apologized for the delay and assured the Sergeants that it had no reflection on either of them.

**3. Mayor Report**

A. Vernonia Pride requesting street closure for annual Lighted Entries Christmas Parade December 5, 2009

The Council asked staff to look at the route that the Christmas Parade would be using especially the idea of turning around and going back through the city the opposite direction. A decision will be made at the next Council meeting.

#### **4. Councilor/Committee Reports and Minutes**

A. Public Works Committee – Minutes from September 22, 2009 and October 6, 2009 – Kevin Hudson

Kevin reported that Ben Fousek gave a report to the Committee on the GIS and what is available. David Evans explained the results of eliminating or reusing the existing lagoons and increasing the berm.

At the October 6 meeting there was a work shop to brainstorm on the options for the lagoons.

B. VCLC Committee – Randy Parrow

Randy reported that Josette Mitchell and Bert Tschache would be meeting with representatives from PCC on potential classes held at the Learning Center.

C. Parks Committee Minutes Sept. 16, 2009 – Brett Costley

Brett reported that Chief Grace gave an update to the Committee on enforcement in the parks and on the goals and tools that are needed.

The Committee made a motion that there has always been an unwritten rule that no reservations be taken during Jamboree and that the committee wanted to change that and allow reservations.

D. Cemetery Beatification Committee – Cindy Ball

Cindy reported that there are two positions open on the Cemetery Committee and that there was not a quorum at the last meeting.

E. Airport Committee Minutes March 26, 2009 – Sally Harrison

Sally reported that there would be regular airport meetings monthly to stay up on what is going on.

F. Economic Development Committee – Sally Harrison.

Sally reported that there was no quorum at the last meeting and that the City Administrator gave a list of what was going on.

G. Library Board Minutes September 4, 2009 – Randy Parrow

Randy reported that the Library Board meetings changed their meeting time to the First Monday at 5 pm so that he would be able to attend. The After School Program was beginning and there will be three Chautauqua programs.

#### **5. Topics from the Floor/Audience Participation**

*Persons addressing the Council must state their name and address for the record. All remarks shall be directed to the entire City Council. The Council reserves the right to delay any action requested until they are fully informed on the matter.*

There were no Topics from the Floor or Audience Participation

#### **6. Consent Agenda**

A. City Council Minutes – October 19, 2009

B. Cash Disbursements – October 30, 2009

Kevin Hudson moved to accept the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **7. Unfinished Business – None**

#### **8. Business from Departments**

A. Police – Chief Frank Grace

1. Nuisance Complaint Process

Chief Grace gave a draft of the Nuisance Complaint Process and a status chart.

2. ICS overview

There will be free FEMA training in Virginia next March.

3. Emergency Operations Plan 2005

Chief Grace gave to the Council a draft copy of the Emergency Operations Plan December 2005 for their review.

4. Vernonia Police Department Newsletter

The newsletter included the Police Blotter dated November 11, 2009.

B. Public Works Director – Bob Ruhl

1. Updates

Bob Ruhl gave to Council a memo reporting on the Public Works update from October 5, 2009 thru October 30, 2009

C. City Administrator – Bob Young

1. Trees at Ora Bolmier

Mr. Young reported that homeowners asked that he look at a number of dead trees and the possibility of thinning out others. A contract at one time had been considered and he would look further into that.

Mayor Harrison asked that trees in the right-of-way that were a potential hazard be included in the group.

2. Training in Evensburg, Virginia was already mentioned by Chief Grace and it was encouraged that some attend. FEMA would pay for the trip except for food. It is a very intense and worthwhile training.

3. H1N1 (Swine Flu)

Mr. Young, Dr Cox from 47J School District and Dr Gilmore, Providence Medical had a meeting on the H1N1 (Swine) Flu. The result of the meeting was that if you are sick stay home. Return to work or school 24 hours after the fever is gone and no more Tylenol is being taken. This is a viral infection and washing of hands frequently, drinking plenty of fluids and use alcohol sanitizers. There is no reason to close the city facilities or the school unless teachers or workers are not available. The good news is that the brunt of all of this is almost over.

4. Study Session for property owned from buy-outs

Dan Brown explained to Council the map showing the proposed 2008 Columbia County Flood Relief buyouts. Dan presented to Council the Use of Properties acquired through Hazard Mitigation Assistance and a list of potential partnerships, permitted uses and non-permitted uses.

It was asked by the Ford Family Group that the property on Birch Street that is vacant be able to be used for a community garden. Council asked that in January the group give a presentation on what they want to do with this property.

## **9. Ordinances/Resolutions**

A. Amending Ordinance 842

Amended to establish consistency within all of the advisory committees

Section 2 [Membership: Compensation] change to read The Committee shall consist of six members.....

Section 4. [Officers.] Take out Upon initial formation of the committee, the mayor will appoint a president and vice-president, who shall hold office until

July 1 of the next odd numbered year. Add: Officer elections shall be conducted at the first meeting in January in an odd-numbered year.

Section 5. [Secretary.] Add: Approved minutes shall be submitted to Council after every meeting, or on a monthly basis.

Section 8. [Powers and Duties] Add: E. The Committee shall make other recommendations to City Council as needed.

Kevin Hudson moved “to amend Ordinance No. 842 with corrections and additions noted.” The motion was seconded and passed.

**B. Resolution setting Fees Establishing a Police Officer Training Fee**

Kevin Hudson moved that “Resolution No. 23-09 Establishing a Police Officer Training Fee amending Resolution 14-08 the Master Fee Schedule be adopted.”

**10. Items from Mayor, Councilors, and City Administrator**

Mayor Harrison reminded Council and audience that there would be a celebration at noon on Wednesday at Spencer Park if the School bond passes.

Brett Costley attended a Pacific Program Training for eight days with a scholarship from the Ford Family Program. It was interesting and he learned a lot and hopes to put what he learned to good use.

Cindy Ball recommended that if anyone could skip the opportunity of the flu to do so it is miserable.

Randy Parrow saw a movie with Tony Hyde in it called the Tillamook Treasure

Kevin Hudson was glad to see a copy of the Emergency Plan

Adjournment: The November 2, 2009 City Council meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009

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Sally Harrison, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M Glass, City Recorder

The City Council Minutes for November 2, 2009 were approved by City Council on November 16, 2009.

